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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 17, 2004

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, rejoinder of claims 9 and 28 (previously withdrawn) was indicated in view of allowed generic claims.

Although Applicant disagrees with the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,209,648, Applicant is nevertheless enclosing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection in the interest of placing the application in condition for allowance.

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